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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As stated in the previous action regarding similar arguments presented, Rappaport teaches how to arrange points in a network in an office building or similar type of structure to find the optimal placement of a base station. Watch points are placed around to help the determination for the optimal location and use information gathered at watch points. Senga teaches grouping of the reception points in a multicast environment for ease of reception processing. One of ordinary skill in the art could combine these prior art elements using known techniques to yield results predictable to one of ordinary skill in the art of processing signal being sent to multiple locations and processing the information gathered at these locations by putting multiple watch points into groups for an area for greater ease in processing information for a certain location. Therefore, the prior art of record applied to the case has sufficient reasoning for combination involving reception processing of signals and location based reception.

The references, Rappaport and Senga, both involve the setup of an area in which a communication network will be deployed. They both disclose teachings of how to treat a signal being sent and the most efficient way to handle (process) the signal. This is also read upon as the prediction of the path of the ray as the determination for an optimal position of a base station includes predicting a best path of a signal propagating through a certain area.

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